

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets include changes to Figures 1-4. These sheets, which include Figures 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-4. The attached sheets correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Preliminary Amendment was submitted with the Patent National Phase Transmittal Letter, and a copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. The currently pending claims are 1-7, 10, 12-16, 18, 19, 21-30, 33, and 37-45.

Corrected drawings are attached, and approval is respectfully requested.

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 27 as being anticipated by Klein is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 defines a system for sampling a liquid comprising both a water sensor and an optical particle counter. Analogously, claim 27 defines a method for sampling including both optically detecting a number of particles and sensing water content. Klein fails to disclose a system or method that has or does both. Rather, Klein discloses a method and an apparatus in which the apparatus may separately function in different embodiments as a particle detector or water content sensor. Consequently, neither claim 1 nor claim 27, nor any claims which depend from claim 1 or claim 27, is anticipated by Klein.

The rejection of independent claim 37 as being unpatentable over Klein in view of Lepper, Jr. is also respectfully traversed. Claim 37 defines a method comprising directing a liquid to or away from an optical particle counter in response to a water content indication. Klein fails to disclose this feature, as noted in the Office Action. Lepper, Jr. discloses a filter 56, a shut-off valve 58, and a flow dividing chamber 46. However, nothing in Lepper, Jr. directs a liquid to or away from anything in response to a water content indication.

Consequently, the combination of Klein and Lepper, Jr. fails to render unpatentable independent claim 37 or any of the claims which depend from claim 37.

Respectfully submitted,



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